PATENT APPLICATION





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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the below-identified pending utility or plant application:

Serial No.: 09/171 399

Filing Date: October 16, 1998

Title: SURFACE TREATMENT CHEMICALS, FIBER AND PRODUCT

TREATED WITH THE SURFACE TREATMENT CHEMICALS

Inventors : (1) Masahiro SANO, (2) Takaharu YASUE and

(3) Fumioki FUKATSU

Group: 1751 Examiner: Einsmann

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- 1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114
 - a. [] An amendment under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 previously filed on

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 before calculating the filing fee.
 - b. [X] Enclosed is/are:

 - ii. [] Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
 - iii. [] Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
 - iv. [X] Acknowledgment Post Card
 - v. []

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- a. [] Small entity status is claimed. See 37 CFR 1.27.
 - [] Statement(s) re small entity is/are enclosed.
- b. []
- 3. Fees (The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. §1.114 when the RCE is filed).
 - a. [X] The RCE fee and any filing fee for claims are calculated as shown below, after entering any amendments which this transmittal indicates are to be entered prior to such calculation:

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|-----------------|--------------|---------|------------|------|------------|----------|
| For | Filed | Extra | LG Entity | | SM Entity | Fee |
| Basic RCE Fee | | | \$770.00 | | \$385.00 | \$770.00 |
| Total Claims | (10 - 2) | 20 = 0) | x \$ 18.00 | | x \$ 9.00 | |
| Indep. Claims | (2 - | 3 = 0) | x \$ 86.00 | | x \$ 43.00 | |
| [] Multiple De | p. Clair | n | + \$290.00 | | + \$145.00 | |
| | \$ 770.00 | | | | | |

- b. [X] Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), please extend the shortened period for response by three months. The extension fee is:
 - [X] \$950.00 (37 C.F.R. \$1.17)
 - [] \$ (37 C.F.R. §1.17; small entity status established by verified statement(s) submitted previously).
- c. [] Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. §1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months). Suspension of action fee is \$ (37 C.F.R. §1.17(i)).
- d. [X] A check for \$1,720.00 is enclosed to cover fees.
- e. [] Please charge my Deposit Account No. 06-1382 in the amount of \$_____. A duplicate copy of this transmittal is enclosed.
- f. [X] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional application processing fees under 37 C.F.R. §1.17 associated with this communication or to

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credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1382.

A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

The undersigned is: [X] an attorney of record

[] acting under 37 C.F.R. §1.34.

Please direct all telephone calls to the undersigned at telephone number (269) 381-1156.

Respectfully submitted,

FLYNN, THIEL, BOUTELL & TANIS, P.C.

IN DUPLICATE

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Encl: Listed above

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